

STONES HELD TO A DRAW

WEALDSTONE 0,
WYCOMBE W. 0

HOLDING Wycombe to a goalless draw was no mean feat by Wealdstone who defended with all the vigour they could muster against a side which has scored 76 League goals this term and conceded only 20 (writes Leslie Page).

Wycombe's chances of winning the Isthmian title for the third time, but the first in fourteen years, are still bright and the tenacity of Hutchinson and Horseman, plus the weight of Delaney and Rundle must increase their goal tally.

Andy Williams and Smith did much to break down Wycombe's constant attacking force with Gary Hand delighting the crowd with his brave and accurate tackling.

Williams was out at the feet of onrushing Wycombe men times without number, but especially after five minutes and on the quarter hour when he produced a Bonetti-like save from Hutchinson with Hand kicking off the line following the resulting corner.

Smith put Williams in danger with a miscued back-pass just before the interval and five minutes after the break Hutchinson made the mistake of the evening when he had only to side-foot the ball into the net, but missed by yards.

Searle, also, missed from close range as he failed to meet Anthony's head-high cross with 10 minutes remaining.

The end came in a strange and mixed-up fashion when Horseman slammed a drive against the bar after Williams had two-footedly beaten out Hutchinson. After Horseman's shot, the referee awarded a bounce-up close to the post and the crowd left still wondering about this decision.

WEALDSTONE: William (A); Williams (R); Hand; Smith; Moxon; Draper; Montague; Swain; Ritchie; Fiedie (sub Bremer).

WYCOMBE W.: Maskell; Rundle; Gale; Suddaby; Delaney; Lailey; Anthony; Baker; Searle; Horseman; Hutchinson.